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1. Merchant Ships:

two Polish freighters of about 9,500 tons each.

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2. Naval Vessels: One or two motor torpedo boats were sighted in Whampoa. In addition, a small tugboat that meets ships at Lafsami was believed to be Navy manned and was thought to be American-made.

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3. Port Facilities: The concrete wharf at Whampoa is capable of berthing three large and one small ship with maximum drafts of 21'. The wharf is 30-40 feet wide and is equipped with four cranes, three of which have about a 4-ton capacity and the other about 10-ton capacity. There is one new two-story concrete warehouse, believed to be for the storage of rubber, and one low bamboo-roofed shed without walls or with only mats in place of walls. Behind the wharf are four or five railroad sidings which lead to one track going inland.

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4. Sailing Directions: The following information was supplied to a ship sailing for Whampoa. It outlines the procedure for arriving at anchorage at the Lafsami Pilot Station.

- "1. Pass west of Cap Rock (Bearing 090° 3 miles off position 21-48N, 113-53E) and steering 353° for 1 1/2 miles toward.
2. Chuk Wan Shan (Bearing 270° 1 1/2 miles off position 22-00N, 113-51 1/2E) and steering 338° for 9 miles thence.
3. Lafsami Pilot Station (Lafsami Peak bearing 100° 1 1/2 miles off position 22-08 1/2N, 113-48E)
4. Drop anchor in 8 or 9 fathoms of water."

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